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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL STRASBOURG DELEGATION TO VISIT BOSTON

1. FROM MAY 2-5 AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION OF SOME 15 PROMINENT STRASBOURG OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE CITIZENS LED BY EX-PRIME-MINISTER AND STRASBOURG METROPOLITAN COUNCIL PRESIDENT PIERRE PFLIMLIN, WILL VISIT BOSTON IN THE CONTEXT OF THE TWO DECADES OLD STRASBOURG-BOSTON SISTER-CITY RELATIONSHIP. THE MOST RECENT BOSTON DELEGATION TO VISIT STRASBOURG HAD COME HERE IN OCTOBER 1976 AND WAS LED BY MRS. KEVIN WHITE, WIFE OF THE BOSTON MAYOR, AND DEPUTY MAYOR JOSEPH SULLIVAN. BOSTON AUTHORITIES AND PRIVATE CITIZENS HAVE ARRANGED AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM WHICH WILL FEATURE FRANCO-U.S. CELEBRATION OF THE 1778 TREATY OF ALLIANCE.

IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, BOSTON OPERA COMPANY CONDUCTOR SARAH CALDWELL HAS BEEN RECENTLY IN TOUCH WITH HER STRASBOURG COUNTERPART, ALAIN LOMBARD, AND IS PLANNING A TRIP TO STRASBOURG ON APRIL 29-30 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE EXCHANGES BETWEEN
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THE OPERA COMPANIES OF THE TWO CITIES.

2. A THREE MAN TEAM FROM THE FR3 ALSACE REGIONAL TV STATION IS ACCOMPANYING THE GROUP AS WELL AS A JOURNALIST, MISS MARIE-THERESE CASSERT, A REPORTER WITH THE LARGEST REGIONAL NEWSPAPER, "DERNIERES NOUVELLES D'ALSACE."

3. AFTER THE BOSTON STAY SOME OF THE DELEGATION MEMBERS WILL MAKE A SHORT VISIT TO NEW YORK, THE MAIN PURPOSE OF WHICH WILL BE TO MAKE CONTACTS WITH THE N. Y. ALSATIAN ASSOCIATION WHOSE PRESIDENT ALAIN DICK IS AN OFFICIAL IN THE U.N. FINANCE/PENSION FUND OFFICE.

4. A SEPARATE CABLE IS BEING SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE INS AT JFK AIRPORT WITH THE RELEVANT INFORMATION TO REQUEST VIP TREATMENT FOR THE DELEGATION ON ITS ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK ON MAY 2ND EN ROUTE TO BOSTON.MOHLER

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